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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the prior disclosure discussed below (copy enclosed) and cited in the annexed PTO-1449 Form be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application and that such art be made of record in said application.

This supplemental submission is believed to be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98.

No representation is made or intended that a search of the prior art has been made or that no more relevant disclosures than that listed herein and/or previously made of record are available.

U.S. Patent No. 4,411,653 to Razi relates to a cannula introducer adapted to facilitate insertion of an aortic cannula. In one embodiment, a stylet 12 having an arrowhead-shaped blade 10 is positioned within a housing 24 and cannula 34. The stylet is spring-loaded by spring 16 such that depression of thumb rest 20

causes blade 10 to extend beyond housing 24 and cannula 34. After the blade has made its incision, the surgeon allows spring 16 to retract blade 10 within the housing and cannula at which point cannula 34 may be introduced through the slit and into the aorta. Housing 24 may then be withdrawn from cannula 34.

Applicant respectfully submits that all claims presently pending in the subject application patentably distinguish over the enclosed Razi patent, whether taken alone or in combination with any other art of record. The Examiner's independent consideration of the enclosed patent is requested. The Examiner is further requested to initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 Form to evidence such consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

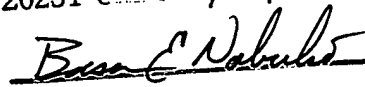


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